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"Look Well To This Day"

Foreword

This issue of the Roundup highly honors the Class of '53. This ends our four year high school experiences and seventy-seven years of service of Thyne. The time has come for us to release the gentle hands of our foster faculty parents and clasp hands with the world.

The Roundup staff has endeavored in the following pages to preserve the pleasant memories of the friendships, the achievements, and the happiness which the years at Thyne have brought.

When in a few years Thyne will have become a mere legend, we have endeavored to keep it alive through the pages of this, our year book.

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Dedication

To Mr. Taliaferro, our principal and friend. Mr. Taliaferro, our principal, has rendered invaluable service to our school. He exemplifies the fine ideals and possesses the rich inheritance of Thyne Institute. Night and day find him working diligently for the success of the school.

Mr. Taliaferro shows intense interest in the whole student body. Not only does he teach by word, but by example, thoughtfulness, and practical christianity. His pleasing disposition and good deeds win the favor and good will of all who know him. His years at Thyne will be of long remembrance.

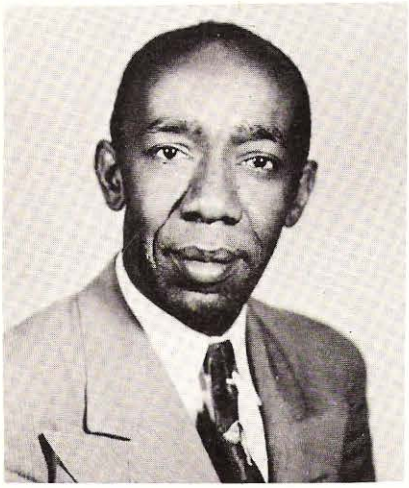
Mr. Taliaferro is a graduate of Virginia Union and Columbia University. With great pride we dedicate to him the 1953 edition of the ROUNDUP.

Superintendent

Alonzo B. Haga, the Superintendent of Mecklenburg County, succeeded C. B. Green here in 1949, coming from Craddock High School, in Norfolk County, where he had served as principal for ten years. Previously he had been Principal of Colonial Beach High School for four years and a teacher in Rappahannock and Prince William Counties for four years.

Mr. Haga received his B. A. degree from Randolph-Macon College in 1931 and his M. A. from the University of Virginia in 1937.

He has been recently elected for another term of four years.



Principal

Principals' Residence And Message.

Dear Seniors,

I am very grateful to you for the honor conferred by dedicating The ROUNDUP to me. Words fail me in expressing my profound appreciation for this magnanimous gesture of kindliness and affection. This token of respect and esteem enhances my faith in youth; it constrains me to strive continuously to reach the pinnacle of public service which your recognition warrants. May this memento afford you and posterity a source of continuous pleasure and inspiration, and may the finest of the traditions which have made Thyne great, guide and direct your destinies.

The founders of Thyne were activated by an implicit faith in God and an attitude toward life as expressed by Thomas Carlye: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good work, therefore, any kindness, or any service I can render to any soul of man or animal, let me do it now. Let me not neglect or defer it, for I shall not pass this way again." May you strive to emulate their noble examples and lofty ideals.

Sincerely yours,

E. N. Taliaferro, Principal

Brief History Of Thyne Institute

1876-1953

This year rounds out seventy-seven years of service which Thyne Institute has rendered to the people of southside Virginia. Seventy-seven years ago Mr. John J. Ashenhurst gathered together a few boys in an uncomfortable, poorly equipped room in Chase City, and began a work which later developed into Thyne Institute. Soon after the work was begun, Mr. John Thyne erected a school building on a small tract of land one mile north of Chase City, and deeded the property to the Freedman's Board of the United Presbyterian Church. Into this building the school was moved with Mr. Ashenhurst as principal. In recognition of the generosity of Mr. Thyne, the school was named Thyne Institute.

For a number of years the work was confined to the elementary grades, but when the need of higher education was apparent, additional subjects were added to the course. In a few years the curriculum embraced enough subjects entitled the school to be classed as a standard High School. The first class was graduated in 1896. On the campus are four buildings, a large three-story brick school building, Hunter's Hall, Vincent Hall, and the principal's home.

The school has had nine principals: The Rev. John J. Ashenhurst, Dr. Matthew Clark, Rev. John A. Ramsey, Rev. J. H. Veazey, Dr. James M. Moore, Dr. George E. Henderson, Dr. F. W. Wilson, Miss Rosalie Wilson and Mr. E. N. Taliaferro.

In the summer of 1906 Dr. Frank W. Wilson came to Thyne to assume the role of principal and pastor. He was a brilliant scholar, unusual in executive ability, a great teacher and a Christian gentleman. He found a faculty of three high school and four elementary teachers. Dr. Wilson was a courageous man who did not falter in the face of adversity. Under his leadership the school continued to develop and the high scholastic standards which he established bore rich fruit, for in 1914 the school was accredited by the State Department of Education.

An outstanding feature of this administration was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the school with Mr. Ashenhurst, the founder, returning to give the commencement address.

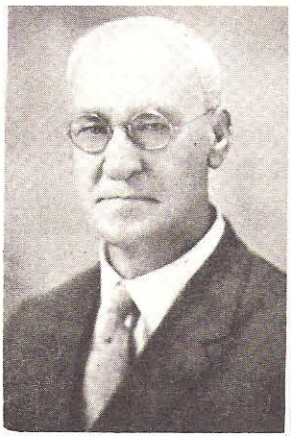
After serving faithfully for thirty-six years Dr. Wilson was succeeded in 1941 by his daughter, Miss Rosalie Wilson, who directed the school for five years.

As the years passed by the need for education in the hands of the commonwealth became more evident. The American Board of Missions felt that the time was at hand when they should withdraw their support from the school at Chase City, and lend it to the localities that were more in need of their aid.

In the spring of 1946, Mecklenburg County purchased Thyne Institute and assumed the responsibility of operating the first public high school for Negroes in Chase City area. And so it was that in September 1946, Thyne opened its doors under a new board of control, with its first Negro principal, Emmett Nelson Taliaferro. He found a faculty of twelve teachers and an enrollment of 399. Those on the faculty were Mesdames W. S. Yancey, L. G. Farrar, F. G. Oliver, I. H. Pierce, W. G. Wilson, S. Salley, M. Robinson, F. Jones, Miss E. David, C. Lancaster, Mr. Howard Robinson, and Mr. E. N. Taliaferro, Principal.

This marks the end of Thyne's service. It is impossible to enumerate all of her accomplishments that took place during these seventy-seven years. We only know that she has been with us through the years and that her influence will continue to be felt, filling the lives of her sons and daughters with beauty, truth and usefulness.

In Honor and Memoriam



DR. JOHN ASHENHURST HARRY E. GILES
Mortician

DR. F.W. WILSON

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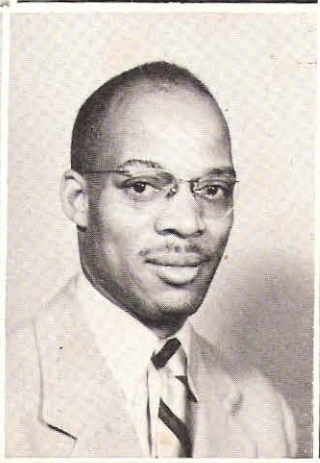

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Seventh Grade

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Seventh Grade

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First Grade

J. S. LANCASTER
First Grade

F. A. WALKER
Secretary

MRS. I. H. PIERCE
Seventh Grade

Class History

In the year 1941, a group of thoughtless, energetic youngsters came to romp on Thyne Institute's campus.

When the era was reached and our responsibilities were born, we frightfully entered the eighth grade. In a new environment we were eager, yet somewhat afraid, to meet the responsibilities that had been thrust upon us. It was a beautiful day in autumn, but if one could have seen our minds, one would have thought it the dreariest day in January. With an addition of students from other schools we were proud to be called members of Thyne's family.

Feeling a little more at home when we became freshmen, we joined the upper classmen in school activities. One of our classmates won the "Miss Thyne" Contest. Helen Carter represented us with the full support of each member of her class.

Becoming a little more forceful than before, we entered our sophomore year. Not knowing which way to go, we wabbled to and from classes striving to pass tests and attempting to be amicable to other schoolmates.

Returning in the fall of '51 we threw our chest out and heads high for we were juniors. This was a glorious year and is more precious to us for memories than any in Thyne's history. Among our stage presentations was the "Womanless Wedding." It was loads of fun for all. Another was the ever memorable junior play given in Thyne's Auditorium. "Your Town And Mine," it was presented three times because of the characters' outstanding dramatic ability and their stage appearance. We'll never forget that minister, Dr. Fuller played by Joe Farrar who made the eyes of everyone in the audience glow and we dare not leave out Patrick O'Leary, Norman Walker and Amanda Swope, Arlene Keene the country orchard lovers.

On a dreary night in April when we thought all was at rest, we were awaken by a world-wide announcement coming from down near South Hill, Virginia--an oratorical contest is on its way. To our surprise we hear one of our classmates name ringing. Ida Johnson has stolen away and won the Mecklenburg County Oratorical Contest. When we are awaken enough to understand what's going on, something else had happened. Our class had joined the first Student Council at Thyne, representing with four members, three officers and the president.

Now that we are fully awake, we are busy decorating for our most cherished affair--the Junior-Senior Prom. We had a sky-blue background with refulgent argent stars glittering over head on the skillfully inter-woven strips of paper. The auditorium sta

stars glittering over head on the skillfully inter-woven strips of paper. The auditorium is of a blue shade. Artistically woven racks of enormous vermeil and yellow roses hanging around the walls.

That evening at dusk the seniors were busily preparing to attend this prom given in their honor. As the girls arrived and strod gracefully in, in rainbow-colored evening dresses edged with lace and studded with rhinestones with their highly mannered and matured escorts, we knew an evening of long rememberance was about to get underway. We could hear the heart stirring music of the vivacious Jimmy Bradshaw Band accompanied by his visionary tenor voiced soloist. As the sedately dressed faculty members and guest entered, the evening of fun began. We were covered with streams of colorful confetti. This was an evening of real enjoyment.

Nowthat we are seniors we are confronted with many problems and responsibilities. Our time cannot all go to enjoyment and entertainment, but we have presented a radio script over W.S.V.S. entitled "Their Future." Thyne means unexpressing words to us. Its name will wear a golden crown in our memories forever. So ends the history of a great class. What will the future bring?

Ida Johnson

Class Poem

That precious hour did arrive
When we could proudly say
We're graduating! We're graduating!
That was our lucky day.

For many years we worked and played
From nine 'til 3 p.m.
Sometimes our lights were burning bright
Sometimes they were so dim.

Our class was not a great big one
Of a hundred students or more
It was a little faithful group
Of only thirty-four.

There were two people who meant so much
To us at Ole T. I.
One was our sponsor; one was our principal
We'll love them 'til we die.

We wanted our teachers to be proud of us
We aimed at the things labeled, "right"
As we started out, our promise was
To never give up the fight.

Dear Thyne, thy name will be a light
Guiding us on our way
Now we grieve, for we have to leave
But we'll return some day.

Hilda Ann Moseley

Alma Mater

(Tune: Londondery Air)

There is no name so dear as Alma Mater
No other place that is so dear as Thyne.
With all their hearts thy loyal sons and daughters
Hold dear thy name and precepts so divine.
Throughout the years our hearts are ever yearning
To see again the place that we revere:
And every year thy children are returning
To stand once more upon the campus dear.

All through the years a voice is sweetly calling:
When we have gone away from friends and thee,
Upon our hearts the sound is softly falling,
Reminding us of days that used to be.
Dear Thyne, O Thyne, thy grateful sons and daughters
Will come to sing thy praises so divine,
To taste once more thy clear and sparkling water,
And once again to gather 'round thy shrine.

Down life's long road our hearts will still be with thee;
Thy portals and thy precepts we'll adore;
Sacred to us will always be thy memory;
Grateful to thee we'll be for-ever-more;
Thy teachings true shall constantly remind us
Thy precious name to love until we die;
We'll always keep thy sacred concepts with us,
And we'll be coming back again to Ole T. I.

Words by Miss Clara Lancaster, '30

Class Song

(Tune: Aufweidersehn)

I

Farewell to Thyne! The time has come
When we must say adieu
To classmates and our teachers dear,
And our dear sponsor too.

Your hand has guided us thus far,
Along this rugged road;
We hate to leave you one and all,
But memories we will hold.

II

The path we trod is filled with thorns,
But we will conquer all;
We'll climb the hills and cross the plains,
Though often we may fall.

Our aim is high, our will is strong
The battle we must win
We cannot fail, we must succeed
We're just around the bend.

III

We thank thee for the help you gave
Preparing us for life;
We'll keep these learnings in our hearts
And never end in strife.

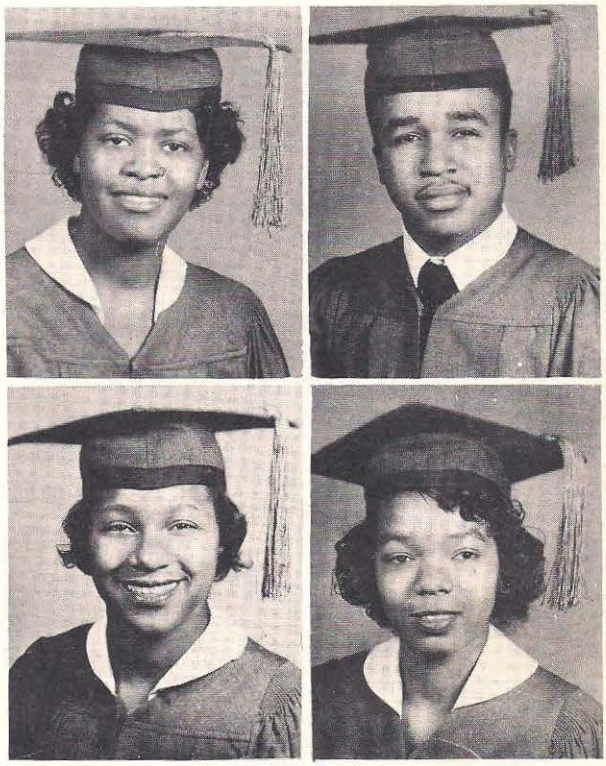
We all have worked, we've done our best
We must be on our way,
Farewell Dear Thyne from all of us,
God keep you safe, we pray.

Ida Walker
Geraldine Jeffress
Zella Salley

Senior Class

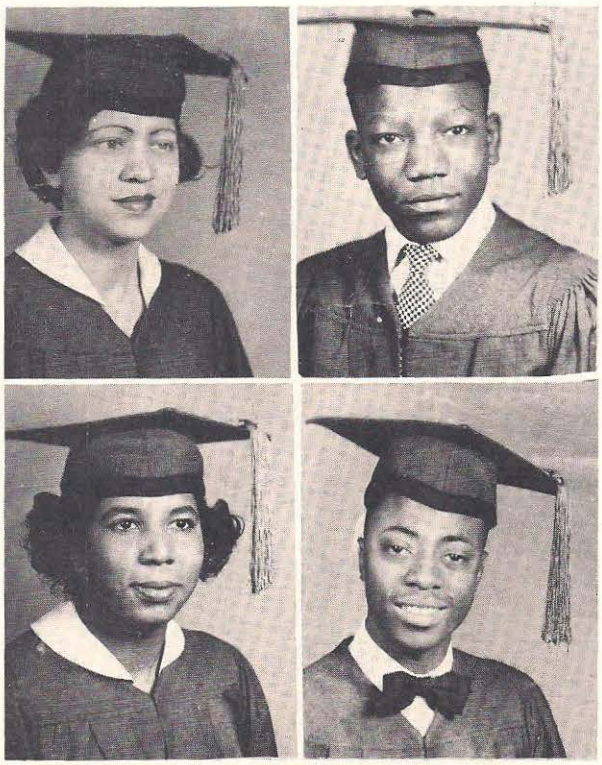
CENNIE ELIZABETH BACON
"Bet"
Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Beautician

CHARLES ELLIS BACON
N. F. A.; Safety Patrol.
Ambition: Barbering



MARY ALICE BARNES
"Sister"
Cheering Squad; N. H. A.; Choral Club; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Business

ELIZABETH BOYD
Safety Patrol.
Ambition: Nurse



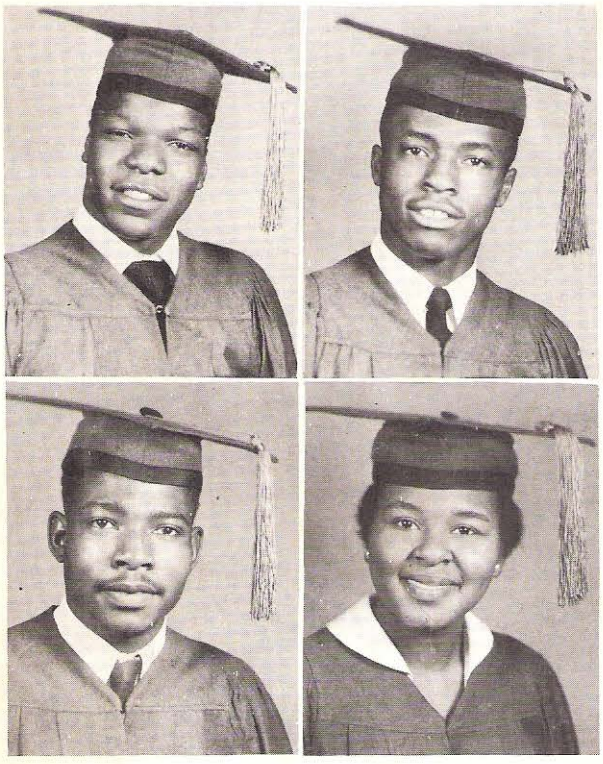
HELEN LUCILLE CARTER
Ambition: Teaching

MELVIN FRANKLIN CARTER
"Mail Man"
Basketball; Baseball.
Ambition: Barbering

VIRGINIA RUTH DAVIS
N. H. A.
Ambition: Seamstress

CHARLIE PETTUS EVANS
"Bozo"
N. F. A.; Safety Patrol.
Ambition: Mechanic

Senior Class



JOE DANIEL FARRAR
Library Club; Dramatics; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Musician

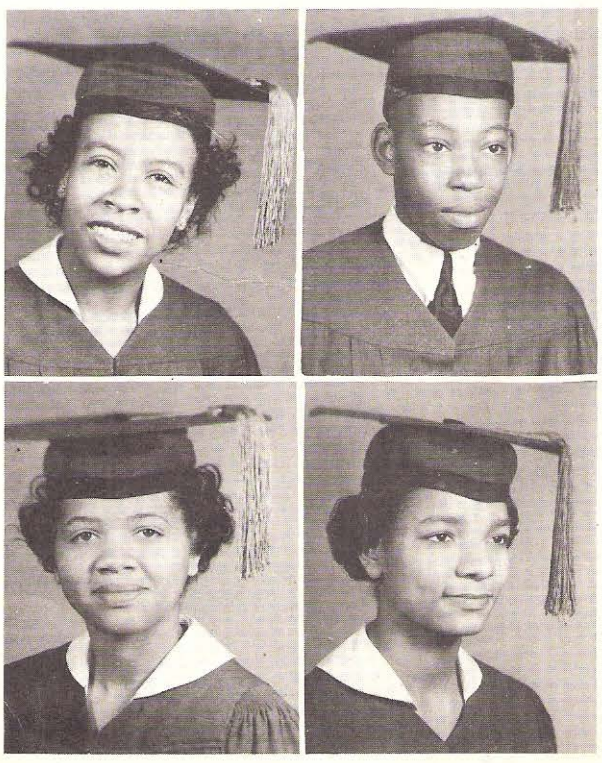
WILLIS FIELDS
"Boots"
N.F.A.; Safety Patrol.
Ambition: N.F.A. Advisor

CLARENCE GOODE
N.F.A.
Ambition: Farmer

VIRGINIA LEE GREGORY
"Cookie"
Dramatics; Glee Chorus.
Ambition: Cosmetology

NORVEL VIRGINIA HANSARD
Choral Club; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Nursing

RICHARD JACKSON
N.F.A.
Ambition: Farmer



GERALDINE JEFFRESS
"Jerry"
Choral Club; Student Council; Editorial Staff; Cheering Squad.
Ambition: Nurse

CORA JUANITA JOHNSON
"Nita"
Choral Club; Dramatics; Safety Patrol; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Business

Senior Class

IDA MARLENE JOHNSON
Choral Club; Dramatics; Editorial Staff; Safety Patrol; Student Council.
Ambition: Medicine

MARY ESTELLE JONES
N. H. A.
Ambition: Seamstress

ARLENE ELIZABETH KEENE
N. H. A.; F. B. L. A.; Dramatic Club; Editorial Staff.

GRACE INEZ KING
Ambition: Nursing

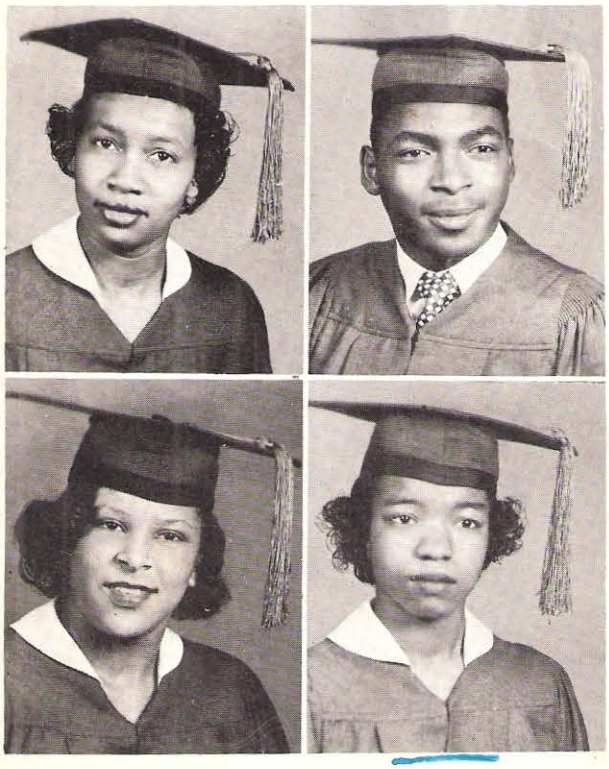
SARAH JANE KING
"Delsy"
F. B. L. A.
Ambition: Nurse

HILTON EUGENE LONG
N. F. A.
Ambition: Mechanic

MILDRED LOVE
F. B. L. A.; Safety Patrol.
Ambition: Nurse

ALFREDA MACKLIN
"Freda"
N. H. A.; F. B. L. A.; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Stenographer

Senior Class



MAE WILLIE MALLORY
Choral Club; Safety Patrol; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Teaching

LEROY MERRITTE
Dramatics; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Lawyer

HILDA ANN MOSELEY
Choral Club; Editorial Staff.
Ambition: Typist

MARGARET PETTUS
Ambition: Nurse

MAE OLA RAINEY
Ambition: Nurse

ZELLA PAULINE SALLEY
"Z. P."
F.B.L.A.; Cheering Squad;
N.H.A.; Student
Ambition: Nurse

MARY VIRGINIA WALKER
Choral Club; Editorial Staff
Ambition: Secretary

HELEN GENEVA SANDS
Student Council; F.B.L.A.
Ambition: Beautician

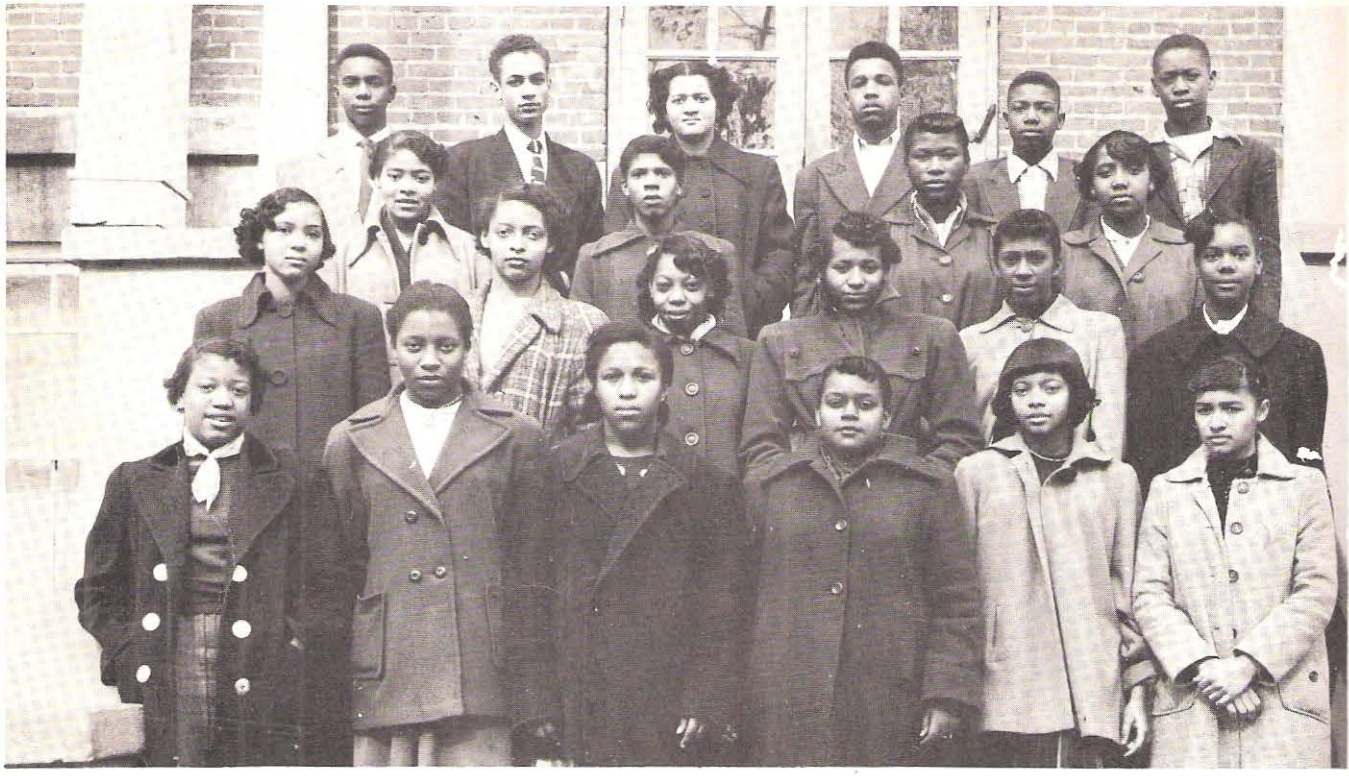
IDA LUCILLE WALKER
Editorial Staff;
Choral Club; Cheering Squad.

NORMAN WALKER
"Nero"
Dramatics; Safety Patrol.
Ambition: Mechanic

Classes

Assembly

Junior Class



Sophomore Class

Sophomore Class

Freshmen

Freshmen

Eighth Grade

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

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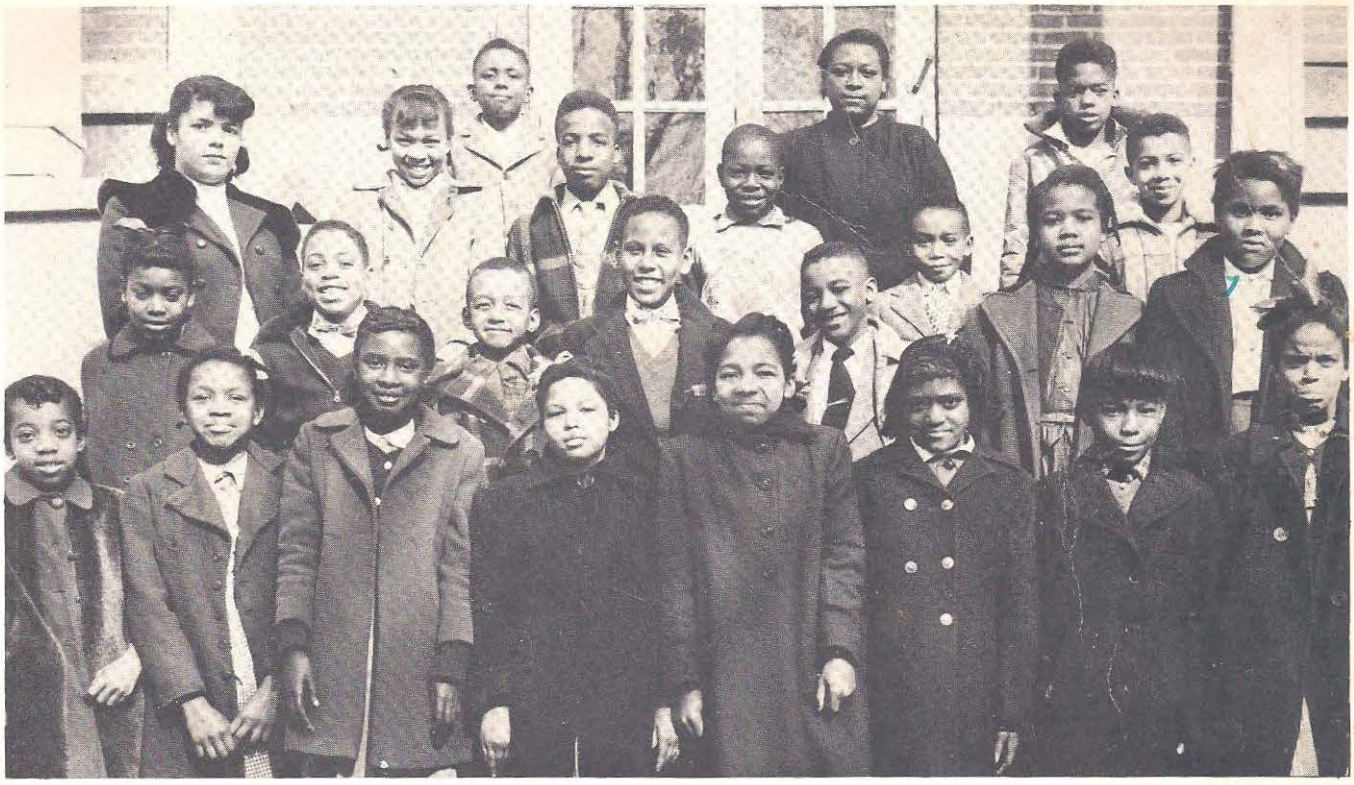
Sixth Grade



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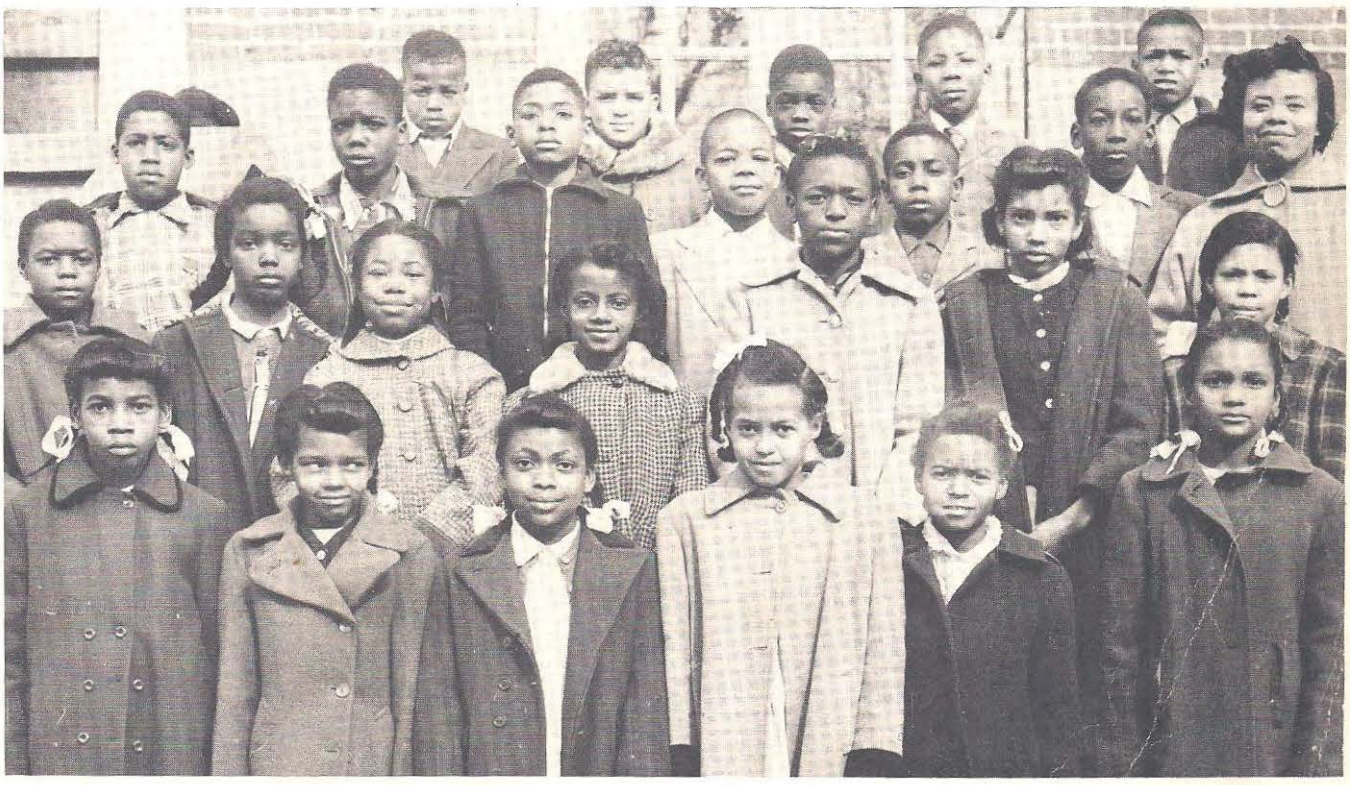

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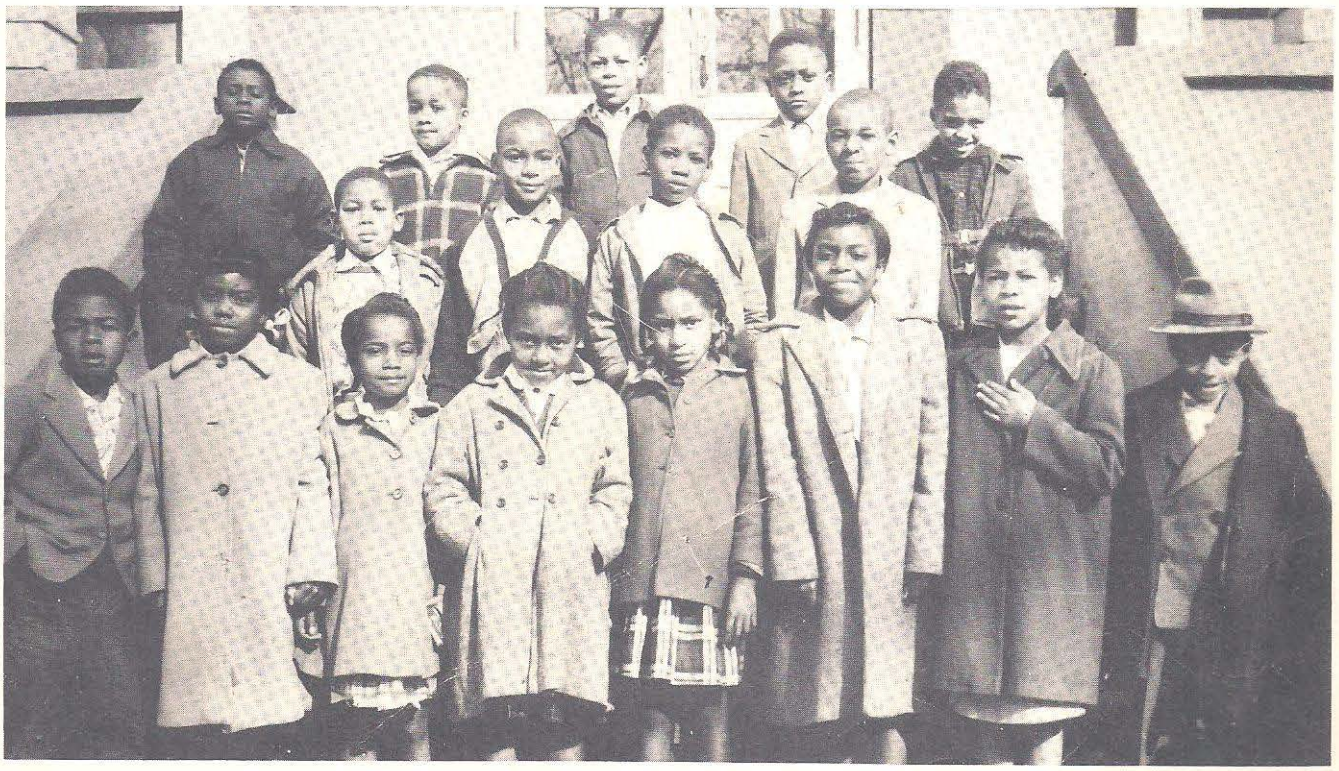
Third Grade

Third Grade

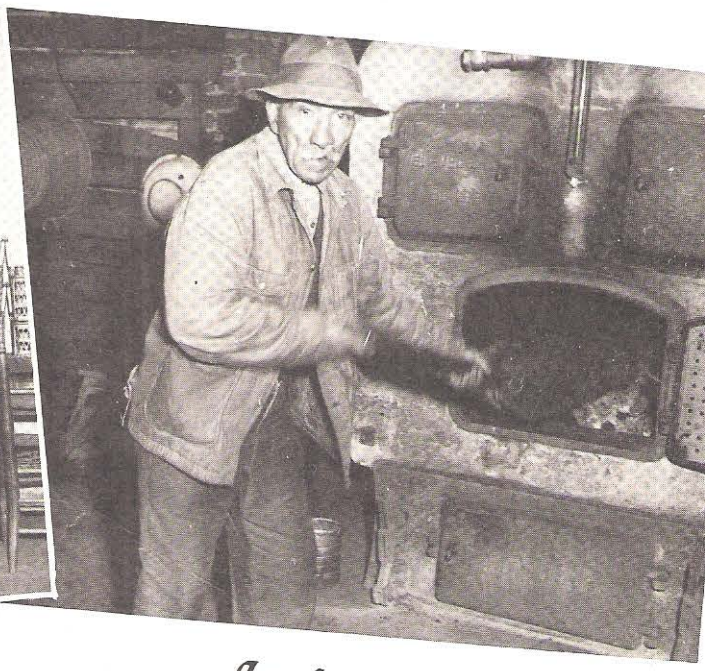
Second Grade



First and Second

First Grade

Cafeteria



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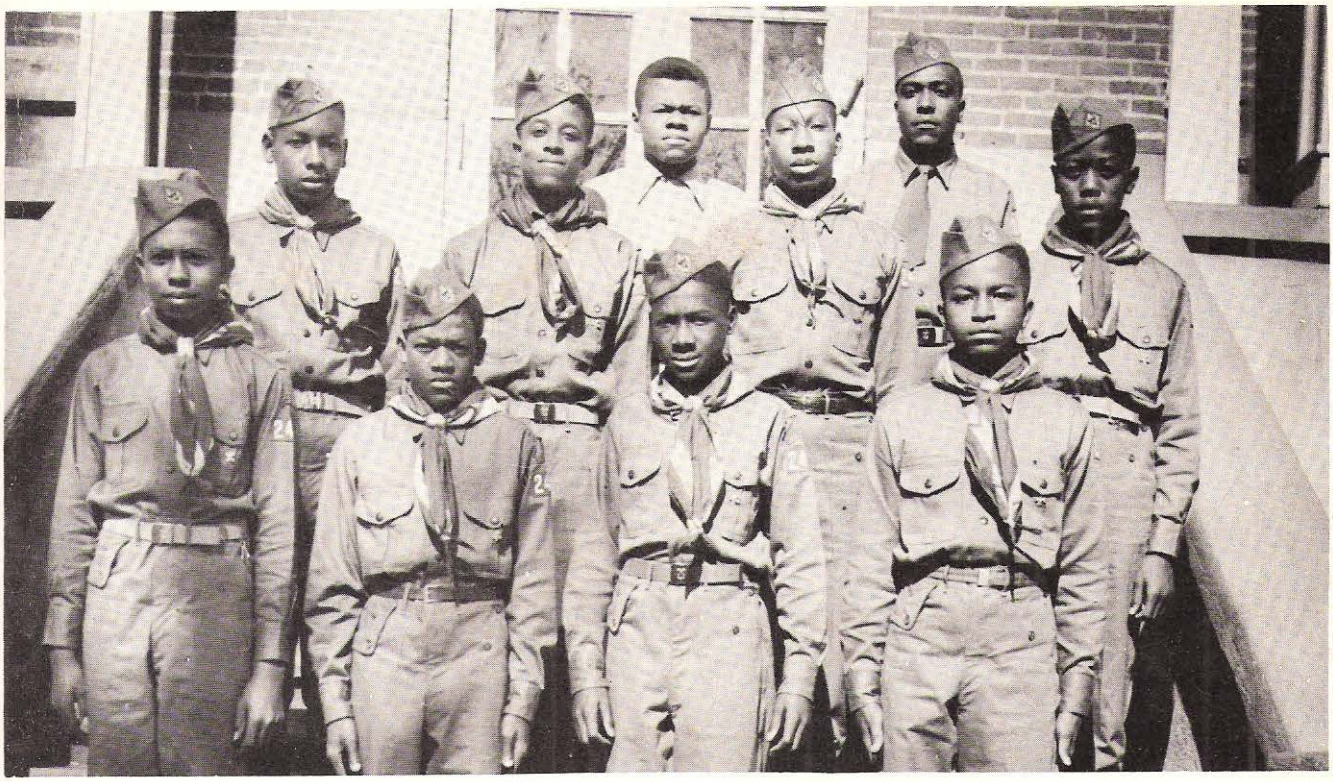
Activities

Chorus

Dramatic Club

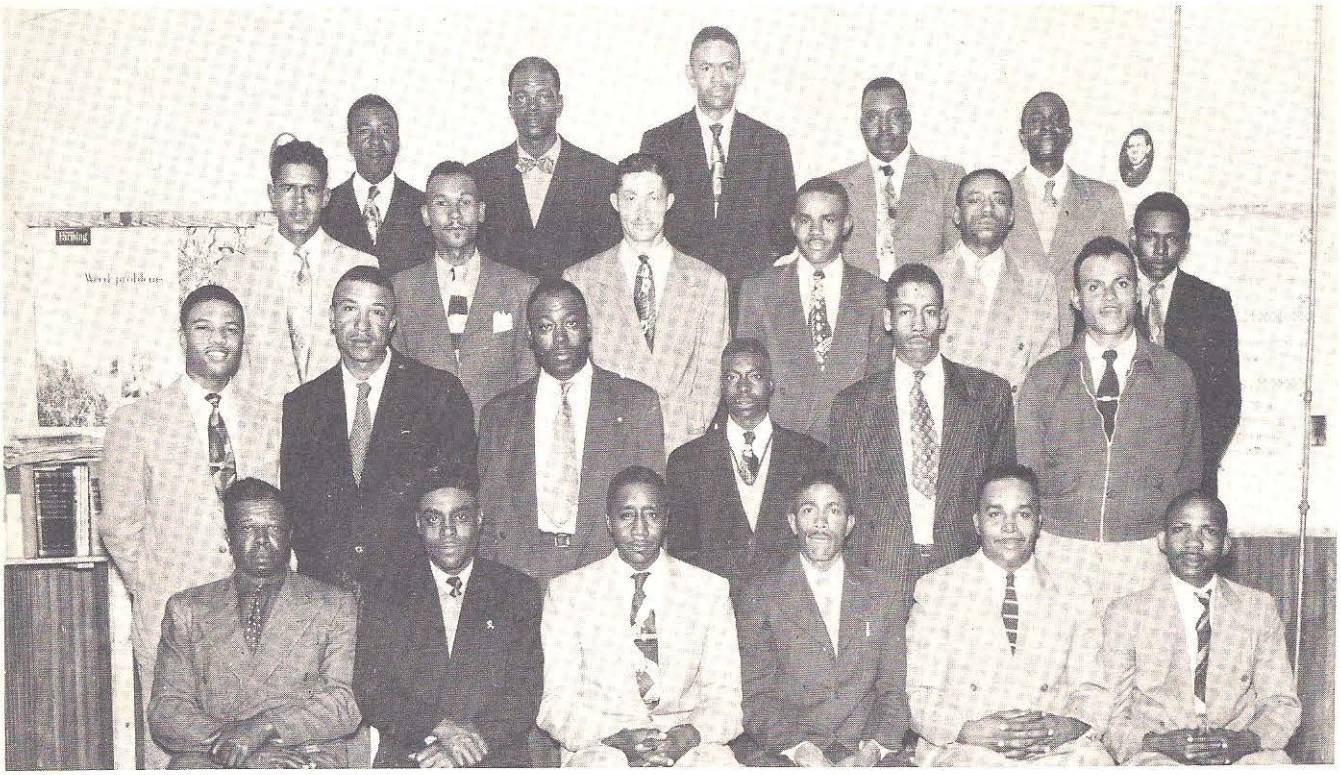
Student Council

Cheer leaders



Boy Scouts

Safety Patrol



Young Farmer's Club

F.B.L.A.

New Farmers Of America

New Homemakers Of America

Alumni

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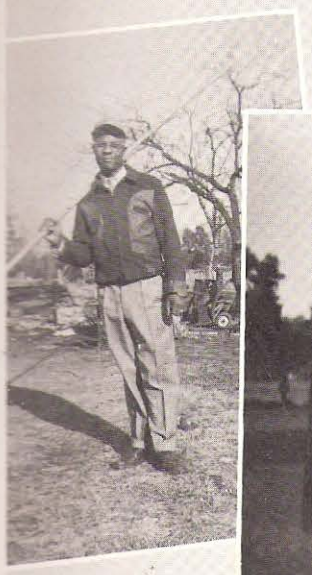

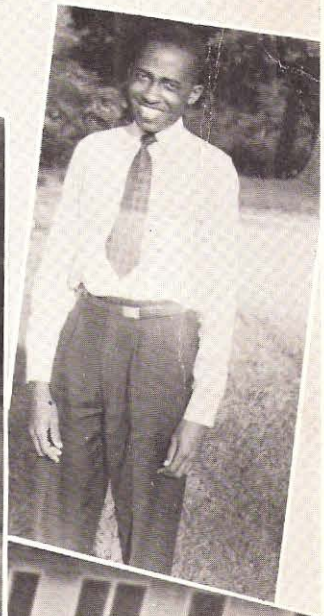

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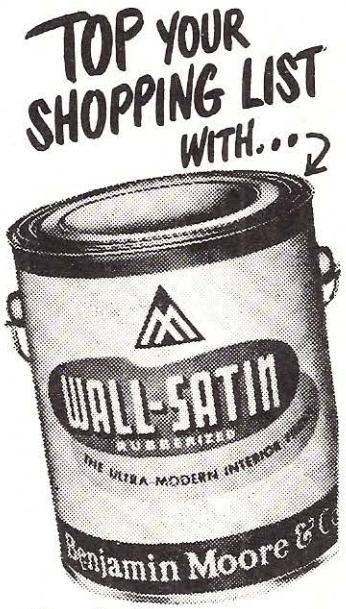

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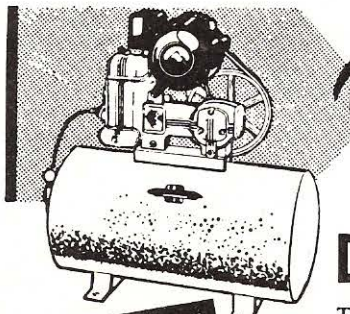

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